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Psalm 89 – Sharp contrast. First half praises God's faithfulness and covenant with David. Second half laments the apparent breaking of that covenant — king defeated, crown cast down, walls broken. Raw question: "Why, O Lord?"

Why have You cast us off, O Lord, in anger fierce and strong?
Why have You rejected Your anointed one for so long?
You have broken Your covenant, thrown his crown into the dust
Why do You hide Your face from us, O God of perfect trust?

You have broken down his walls, laid his strongholds in ruin
All who pass by plunder him, his enemies rejoice and sing
You have turned back the edge of his sword, made him retreat in shame
You have cast his throne to the ground, covered him with disgrace

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You have shortened the days of his youth, wrapped him in shame and scorn
Where is Your steadfast love of old, the oaths You swore to him before?
Remember how short my life is, how fleeting is my breath
Do not hide Your face from me, O Lord, deliver me from death

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